Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, "Buck" Connelly started his infamous career in clothing in 1936 at the E. C. Olson Clothing Store in Brookings where he worked while attending high school and while furthering his education at South Dakota State University; and,

WHEREAS, "Buck" honorably served his country in the European Theatre during World War II and was discharged at the distinguished rank of Captain of the United States Army; and,

WHEREAS, After the war was over and his tour of duty was complete, "Buck" returned to the great state of South Dakota to settle in Rapid City, where he owned and operated "Bucks" Mens Wear; and,

WHEREAS, In 1953, "Buck" returned to his home town of Brookings to further his career in the clothing business. He managed Quail's Clothing until the store was sold to Wilson Clothing in 1969 and "Buck" became a co-owner; and,

WHEREAS, "Buck" has contributed to the betterment of his community and his state through his active participation and involvement. He is a member and past director of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce, as well as being active in the Down Town Merchants Association. "Buck" was honored as the Outstanding Retailer in Brookings in 1984 and is a Charter Member of the Ambassador Club. He has also been active in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, D.V.A., Brookings Elks Club, Brookings Country Club, and is a member of the St. Thomas More Church. His dedication and service is a tribute to the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, He and his lovely wife, Maxine, are the proud parents of two fine children, Jim and Robin, and the loving grandparents of one grandson, Christopher; and,

WHEREAS, "Buck" has given much to South Dakota during his lifetime and it is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this special South Dakotan:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 6, 1988, as

"BUCK" CONNELLY DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE